

# Egremont News

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# **Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:**

#### Selectmen:

Annual Town Meeting: May 5, 2015 7pm at Mt. Everett High School. Warrants are available on the web page at <a href="www.egremont-ma.gov">www.egremont-ma.gov</a> or printed copies may be found at the Town Hall, Library, and both Post Offices.

Annual Town Election: May 12, 2015 10am to 7pm at the North Egremont Fire Station. You can make a written request for an absentee ballot to the Town Clerk.

Our own Juliette Haas was awarded the first Alan Silverstein and Laura Dubester Award for Community Environmental Leadership by the Center for Eco Technology at the March 11 meeting of the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. This award recognizes Juliette for demonstrating community and environmental leadership through her vision, persistence, collaboration, community education and accomplishments. Congratulations and "Way to go" Juliette!

As stated previously, Egremont's Annual Town meeting will be convened at the Mt. Everett High School, on May 5<sup>th</sup>. In New England, the town meeting form of government remains the most common form of government. It is true government of the people where you as a voting citizen in the town meet as the legislative body of the town to vote on articles in the warrant that set the budget for the town in the upcoming year and approve bylaws and policy proposals for the town. Over the course of the year, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee review and make recommendations regarding budget and proposed purchases in the town.

Historically, attendance at the town meeting comprises about 10 % of the voting

population. This year there are articles that will impact the town financially for years to come. Included is an article to authorize borrowing to wire the town completely with Fiber Optic cable in collaboration with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute to bring broadband to our community also an article to adopt a bylaw in support of the Green Communities Act. As stated previously, the warrant is available for downloading at <a href="www.egremont-ma.gov">www.egremont-ma.gov</a> and at the Town Hall, Library, and Post Offices. Please take the time to review the warrant and more importantly, come to the town meeting. We look forward to seeing a large population of Egremont there.

The Board has formed an Ad Hoc Committee to draft an Open Space and Recreation Bylaw that would benefit the whole town. The Committee is to report back in September.

#### **ECO-TIP**

How long does trash last?

| Cigarette butts | 1-5 yr       |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Plastic bottles | 1 million yr |

# **Council on Aging:**

Keep Moving and Go The Distance:

The Egremont Council on Aging is joining with 89 other towns across Massachusetts in forming a "Keep Moving Program" to engage adults in a weekly walking routine, starting as soon as the weather is right for walking, and continuing into June. Our immediate goal is to improve and sustain the lives of people over 50, enhance their health and independence, and ultimately to improve year long access to safe indoor and outdoor physical spaces for walking.

Dave Johnson and Georgette Kinney are creating special Safe Walking maps, with suggestions for safe, beautiful and interesting places in Egremont to walk. We need volunteers to help lead and organize these "Keep Moving" walking groups. We hope to form groups for all ages and fitness levels. One could start by calling a few friends and asking them to go with you on a short walk. Bonnie Oloff and Vicki Windman have offered to assist in organizing these. If you are interested in helping us to make Egremont a healthier community, please contact Bonnie Oloff at bonnie.oloff@gmail.com or call 528 5637.

The culmination of these "Keep Moving" groups will be on Monday, June 1, when we participate in the Massachusetts "Go the Distance" Walking Challenge. We will be cooperating with the Great Barrington Rudolph Steiner School in setting up a one mile course in front of the School on West Plain Road on June 1 from 3:30pm to 5pm. This "Go the Distance" walk will be an intergenerational event including Steiner students, faculty, parents and grandparents. Walkers from Alford, Great Barrington and Mt. Washington will accompany us in what we believe will be a joyous event.

We need you to help us make this happen, and make Egremont a healthier town. Start a walking group, or join one, so when Spring finally arrives we can all get together and celebrate on June 1 by competing in the Walking Challenge.

As part of "Keep Moving" we will be announcing the walks that are being organized by Genis Delaney and Carol Robbins. If you would like a trail walk join Bruce Bernstein at 9am each Friday in May, starting May 1. We will meet at the Kellogg Center on Route 41, (62 Undermountain Road) which abuts the Appalachian Trail. For most walks we will be joined by Silvia Cassano, Trail Management Assistant or members of her staff. Let's get in shape for our big "Go the Distance" event on June 1 at the Rudolph Steiner School! If interested or have questions, please contact Bruce at <a href="mailto:bhbernstein75@gmail.com">bhbernstein75@gmail.com</a> or call 413 528 8269

The Egremont COA will have its **Annual** Lunch in French Park on Wednesday, May 20

at Noon. Free Food supplied by Great Barrington Bagel, a talk on plants by Elizabeth Keene of Indian Line Farm, along with free samples, followed by an optional walk in French Park guided by Dave Johnson. We will have our new Egremont Walking Maps available for distribution. Please sign up at Town Hall at 528-0182 ext 17

#### How to Use the IPad

Are you new to the iPad? Are you struggling with how to set up your iPad, downloading apps, bookmarking and using built in apps—this class is for you!

The Council on Aging is sponsoring a new course for IPad users, taught by Vicki Windman. A few extra IPads will be available for those who would like to try an IPad before purchasing one. The course will meet in Town Hall for four, one hour sessions in July from 10am to 11am, Tuesday July 7, 14, 21, and 28; or three sessions in August for one hour and twenty minutes, from 10am to 11:20pm, Tuesday August 4, 11, and 18. The cost for either one is \$35. All ages are welcome. To register, please call Town Hall at 413 528 0182, X 17. Checks can be made out to the Council on Aging, Town of Egremont.

#### **ECO-TIP**

Wire hangers? Both Laramee (528-0096) and Berkshire Cleaners (645-3012) will happily take them back to reuse.

#### **Egremont Free Library:**

Egremont Free Library will host a book club in May, which will feature Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson. From the publisher... "From the best selling author and master of narrative nonfiction comes the enthralling story of the sinking of the Lusitania. It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, switching between hunter and hunted while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Full of glamour and suspense, Dead Wake brings to life a cast of evocative characters, from famed Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat to pioneering female architect Theodate Pope to President Woodrow Wilson, a man lost to grief, dreading the widening war but also captivated by the prospect of new love. Gripping and important, Dead Wake captures the sheer drama and emotional power of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning

have long been obscured by history." Please sign up by calling Lesliann at 528-1474 or emailing her at EGRLibrary@egremont-ma.gov. Space is limited to 10. EFL will provide the book for each participant, so no searching or buying necessary.

Museum pass season is coming soon! We will have more information in the next newsletter detailing the museum pass selection. Please know our policy changed to "first come, first serve" for the passes and only one pass borrowed at a time.

We'd love to showcase Egremont and Berkshire (and beyond!) crafter and artists' creations at the second annual EFL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR fundraiser to benefit the Egremont Free Library. Crafters/Artists may sell their wares during this two-day summer event, July 18 & 19 . Space for 10x10 will be available at both the South Egremont Fire House & First Congregational Church. Crafter/Artists provide their own tables. No worrying about rain because all vendors will be inside. Please contact Bonnie at 528-5637 to register. The fee is \$30 for the weekend. Please spread the word to your crafter and artist friends!

#### **ECO-TIP**

Dishwashers: (1) Low-tech: Scrape dishes instead of rinsing them before loading to save up to 10 gallons a load. (2) Hi-tech: If you often have small loads, consider buying a double-drawer model (e.g., Fisher Paykel). The drawers work independently, saving water, energy, detergent.

# Planning Board: RECOMMENDATIONS

Two zoning bylaw articles are to be voted on at Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Following are short summaries of the Planning Board's recommendations.

Large-Scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Overlay District (LGSPI): You can see the bylaw at <a href="http://egremont-ma.gov/pln%20LGSPI.pdf">http://egremont-ma.gov/pln%20LGSPI.pdf</a>, and the Planning Board's full recommendation <a href="http://egremont-ma.gov/pln%20rptandrec%20art5.pdf">http://egremont-ma.gov/pln%20rptandrec%20art5.pdf</a>

The Planning Board unanimously recommends passage of the bylaw because it will help the town become a "Green Community". With this designation the town will receive

approximately \$125,000 to be used on green initiatives.

This proposed bylaw specifies by-right use of one commercial photovoltaic installation on one specific town-owned site, as allowed by law for this type of installation. The proposed bylaw requires a site plan review so that the Planning Board might, if necessary, impose reasonable conditions. In addition, it protects the town and the abutters, and requires the developer to pay for Egremont's potential expert consultants, and to post a bond to cover the cost of removal and restoration, if necessary.

The second proposed bylaw amendment is a Citizens' Petition which can be viewed, along with the Planning Board's full recommendation at the town's website at <a href="http://egremont-ma.gov/download.html">http://egremont-ma.gov/download.html</a> The Citizens' Petition proposes to create a new section in the byright section (§4.1.1.2 Uses and Structures Permitted in the General District by Right.) of our Zoning Bylaw. The Petition says:

"Ski areas and golf courses, and the buildings and structures from time to time located thereon, that existed prior to the adoption of this Zoning Bylaw, including other recreational uses on the premises occupied thereby."

The Planning Board strongly opposes this Citizens' Petition proposed bylaw change and recommends it be voted down. Here are just a few of the reasons.

The seeming aim of this petition is to support Catamount's business by giving Catamount the same rights as home owners to do whatever they wish on their property without interference by the town as long as they follow the few zoning regulations. In this case it would remove Catamount from the oversight of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Citizens' Petition would give Catamount the automatic right to build buildings of any size, as long as Catamount adheres to the commercial setback and 35 foot height limit; these buildings could be used at all hours, making whatever noise was necessary for the usage, without any input from abutters or control by the town. It also gives Catamount the right to develop new recreational uses, such as a rifle range or dirt bike racing, without any input from abutters or control by the town.

While the Planning Board strongly supports Catamount as a business, it does not believe that a ski area and land owned by a golf course should be singled out for treatment different from that of any

other commercial entities in town, which are allowed by special permit. Both Catamount and the Egremont Country Club are already grandfathered businesses. In other words, they can already do anything they want in their existing recreational usages just because they existed before our Zoning Bylaw was created – without interference from our Zoning Bylaw, unless different usages are proposed.

In addition to other reasons for its opposition, the Planning Board thinks this proposed bylaw change is illegal because it appears to be spot zoning, where two land parcels have "...been singled out for treatment less onerous than that imposed upon nearby, indistinguishable properties." [Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court].

# **Egremont Historical Commission:**

In Memoriam: The Commission would like to honor Betty Duryea and her years of dedication to the Town of Egremont. Betty was a founder of the Historical Commission in 1974, served as Chair for many years, and worked diligently to obtain the coveted National Register Historic District status for both the North and South Villages. She even took on the USPS. In a series of letters, she insisted that the character and placement of their signage be in keeping with our National Historic Districts. On a lighter note, she organized the Commission's welcome of Lord and Lady Egremont to the Mt. Everett Academy and our Archives. Her sense of community will be missed.

Just in time! Our third SHRAB grant, training the commission in the handling of special collections, occurred this past week. While this was applied for to help with the materials found in our safe last summer, the Town has recently received another great gift.

The Commission on behalf of the Town of Egremont would like to express its great appreciation to the Congregation of the North Egremont Baptist Church. The Church has decided that its records and memorabilia will be placed in the Town's archives so that future historians will have the records available here. We thank the Congregation for this gift to the Town and look forward to working with them to

establish a Special Collection home for it.

Some do not know that a fire in the mid 1800's destroyed our town records, so that few of our early papers survive. One of those that did is our Proprietor's Book. A ledger with entries of the owners of original land holdings in Egremont. The book is in extremely fragile condition and needs to be restored. Another text, a collection of papers from the South Egremont school in the 1800's, has been damaged by water and also needs to be conserved. These are books unique to Egremont and its history. Repair will also digitize the contents, making them available for viewing online, without further wear to the originals. The funds for this work will be requested in Article 15 at Town Meeting.





To gain our National Register Historic District status in 1984, an inventory of our cultural resources - the houses, churches, farms and fields that make our town distinctive was compiled. It is held by the state under the acronym MACRIS. This inventory is now 30 years old. Buildings have changed, and the methods of inventory have been updated. To begin the process of upgrade, the Commission has requested \$4,000 in Article 16.

# **Fire Department:**

Date Time Call #
/Location /Type
2/20/15 1:53 AM 28

Village Green Alarm/False

2/20/15 5:23 PM 29

Blunt Rd. Chimney Fire

2/23/15 11:54 AM 30

Shun Toll Rd Alarm/False 3/2/15 2:25 PM Medical Millard Rd. 3/8/15 12:37 PM 32 Boice Rd. Alarm 3/9/15 7:15 PM 33 Main St. Medical 3/10/15 12:26 PM 34 Village Green Medical 3/10/15 9:08 PM East St. Mt Washington Alarm/ False 3/14/15 6:06 PM Alarm/False Egremont Plain Rd. 3/18/15 12:36 PM Creamery Rd. Alarm/False 3/23/15 6:04 AM Under Mountain Rd. Medical 3/26/15 6:28 AM 39 Baldwin Hill E-W Medical 3/29/15 7:54 AM Pumpkin Hollow Rd. Alarm 3/31/15 7:48 AM 41 Partridge Drive Medical 4/2/15 3:33 PM 42. Partridge Drive Medical 4/3/15 23:11 PM 43 Partridge Drive Medical 4/5/15 6:27 AM 44 Partridge Drive Medical 4/5/15 9:16 AM 45 Partridge Drive Medical 4/10/15 6:00 AM 46 Hillsdale Rd. Medical 4/11/15 2:45 PM Hillsdale Rd. Medical 4/13/15 10:08 AM 48 Jug End Rd. Medical 4/13/15 4:15 PM Mutual Aid Sheffield 4/15/15 5:26 PM 50 Medical Hillsdale Rd. 4/18/15 1:34 PM East St. Mt. Washington Medical

The new Tanker 5 has arrived in town, we still have some work equipping it and some training to do and we hope to have it in service by mid-May.



# **Egremont Board of Health**

Here is some helpful information from the Water Systems Council

(www.watersystemscouncil.org) regarding well maintenance to the many Egremont residents who have private wells serving their homes. If you are on town water these precautions do not apply.

The safety and purity of your drinking water and the efficient operation of your private well system depends on a well-organized maintenance program. Protect your investment (and health) in a quality water supply through regular inspection, testing and repair or treatment.

# Create a Well Maintenance Log

Gather a comprehensive history on your well and water quality. If you don't already have a well log, ask your well contractor for a copy.

The well log will include a reference number for the well, original site owner, location of the well, construction and contractor details, as well as the results from any water tests. The well log should help establish the location, age, depth and condition of the well. This information will provide the basis on which to schedule regular water tests or water quality and inspections of well equipment, as well as regular maintenance and repair.

#### Set a Well Maintenance Schedule

Plan for the maintenance of the wellhead, well system, water quality, water treatment devices and septic system.

# **Well Inspection**

- Inspect your wellhead several times a year. Check the condition of the well covering, casing and well cap to make sure all are in good repair, leaving no cracks or other entry points for potential pollutants.
- Have the well system, including the pump, storage tank, pipes and valves, and water flow inspected every 10 years by a qualified well driller or pump installer.
- If you have no inspection record and cannot determine the age of the well, have it inspected immediately by a water well professional.
- When your well reaches the end of its serviceable life, usually more than 20 years, contact your water well professional to install a new system and properly close the old well.

# **Water Testing**

- Test drinking water immediately if you have no recent test results or any record of previous tests.
- Test drinking water for bacteria every year. Also test annually for nitrates if you live in an agricultural area or have an onsite septic system. The best time to perform these annual tests is in the spring.
- Test if you notice a change in the taste, color or odor of your water.
- · Test more than once a year in special situations: someone in the household is pregnant or nursing; there are unexplained illnesses in the family; your neighbors find a dangerous contaminant in their water; or there is a spill of chemicals or fuels into or near your well.
- Test after disinfection, within one or two weeks, to make sure the water is pure.
- Test after any flooding in or new the well, to determine if flood water carried bacteria or other contaminants into the well system.

#### **ECO-TIP**

Beware the vampires! TVs, the cable box, game consoles, stereos, and DVD players are huge consumers of power when in standby mode. Plasma TV can use 1,400 kilowatt hr/yr (up to \$150/yr). Plug them into a power strip, and turn it off!

# **Police Department:**

The local Boy Scout Troop, under the leadership of Kim TenBroeck and Amy Murray, toured the Police Facility on December 15.





#### **Emergency Management:**

If you or someone you know would like to be checked on in an emergency such as severe weather events or power outages, please let us know! You may call or email the Town Hall or the Police Department and we would be happy to check in with you if the need arises.

It is important to note that during a power outage, National Grid may not be aware of your individual situation. Make sure they are aware of your loss of power by calling them at 800-322-3223. Also, please call the Egremont Police Department so they are aware of possible downed power lines, etc. They may be reached at 413-528-2160.

#### WiredWest:

Great News! Because Egremont has attained the 40% minimum subscription level in pre-subscriptions to WiredWest, we can now join WiredWest's buildout of the new fiber optic, high speed, broadband network. The network will be built by the Commonwealth's MBI, (the Massachusetts Broadband Institute), with input from WiredWest to create the 32 town municipal cooperative dedicated to delivering reliable high speed service at very competitive rates.

Our next big step is to pass the Bond Authorization to allow Egremont to borrow the money required to pay the approximately 65% not being paid for by the Commonwealth via grants. This Bond Authorization must be passed by a 2/3 majority vote at the annual town meeting on May 5th at 7:00 PM at Mount Everett High School in Sheffield. Be sure to come and help us get this authorization passed so we can move forward to get the service we need and deserve.

# EGREMONT GARDEN CLUB'S PLANT BAKE AND BOUTIQUE SALE SATURDAY, MAY 23 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MAIN STREET (RT. 23), SO EGREMONT

Spring is here and it's time to plant. To help you on your way, come to the Egremont Garden Club's Annual Plant, Bake and Boutique sale on Saturday, May 23, in front of the First Congregational Church in South Egremont. A variety of perennials, annuals and herbs will be available at low cost from 9:00 A.M. To 2:00 P.M. The majority of the plants come from members' own gardens and so are sure to flourish in yours. Herbs of all kinds are also locally grown, and the annuals are ready to go in the ground. Then after your hard work gardening, why not treat yourself to home baked cookies, brownies, breakfast breads, pies or a beautifully decorated cake. The club will also hold a boutique tag sale featuring a variety of items for you and your home. All proceeds from the sale go the Garden Club's work in supporting scholarships, Egremont holiday decorations, gardening activities in local schools and providing flowers in our local public gardens. We hope to see you there.

# **South Egremont Congregational Church:**

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold a Bake Sale, Tuesday, May 12, starting at 10 a.m. at the North Egremont Fire House during election hours.

JUNE 20 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. the church will hold its annual ROAST PORK AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE dinner. Adults \$12 and children ages 5-10 \$5. Take out will be available. Come and enjoy the food and visit with your neighbors and some new friends.

Be watching for our summer events. We

will be serving drinks and desserts at the Library Fund raiser on July 18 and 19 which will be held at our church and the adjoining fire house.

August 1 from 5:30-7 the church will hold its first Barbecue Pork Ribs Dinner. Tickets will be available soon. It is a sit-down dinner of barbecue ribs, corn on the cob, baked potato, cole slaw, corn bread, dessert and beverage.

#### **ECO-TIP**

Spring cleaning? The words "biodegradable" and "nontoxic" have no legal definitions. The Environmental Working Group helps you verify green claims and find green products:

www.ewg.org/guides/cleaners/content/top products.

Did you know that your neighbor didn't have to pay an electric bill last month?

Find out about solar panels and community solar, the rebates and incentives that are being offered and how to make your home more energy efficient.

Come to a free

# Solar and Home Energy Efficiency presentation

Friday, May 8, at 6:30 PM at the Sheffield Library

Speakers will include representatives from Center for EcoTechnology, Community Energy Solar, the regional coordinator for Green Communities and residents who have either solar panels or have participated with a community solar program. Please bring your National Grid bill if you wish to receive a proposal on the spot. Open to everyone, bring your neighbors and friends.

# Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month at 1pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed. Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-

8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

#### **Business listings:**

the beach.

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming 413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com www.prospectlakepark.com
Egremont residents receive a discount to access

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations 413-528-5195

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B 1 Prospect Lake Road 413-528-2882 www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant 413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-Restaurant & Lodging 413-528-6200 www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.
Robin Walther
116 Egremont Plain Road
413-528-2537
robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration 413-528-1232 www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing 413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects 195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23) 413-528-5383 www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding Lessons, summer programs <a href="https://www.bluerider.org">www.bluerider.org</a> 413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -Horse Boarding, lessons, judging. 413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets 413-528-8301 www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.

Tom & Liz Marino 413-528-9465 www.lizmarinorughooking.com Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books http://blaize.com/

http://blaize.com/ 413-429-7467

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork 413-644-9979 www.CosmicResonance.com

Peter Goldberg, Diplomat of Acupuncture Natural alternatives For Pain Management www.berkshirepainmanagement.com 413-281-6384

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor 44 Main Street, South Egremont 413-528-9654 healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month
cardio for Egremont residents
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594
www.zorncorefitness.com
zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga 46 Main Street, South Egremont 413-528-0828 kbyoga@gmail.com

Divine Automotive - Automotive repair & sales 413-528-8007

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine, liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more 413-528-4796

Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating 413-528-9633

Closet Collection - clothing & household consignment shop 413-528-6236

Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail wood veneer sales 413-644-9696

Toull Construction - Jobs large and small. Lord St. Pierre 413-528-5548

"Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services Jack Buckley 413-528-1982 413-446-1982

James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking Field Mowing 413-528-0102 pager 413-261-2150

Ron Brazie Jr - Full service property maintenance and management. 413-717-2889

L&M Lawn Services: Michael Harrigan Mowing and lawn care. Discounts for elderly. 413-528-3866

Bonnie Wells: general housekeeping, maintenance to construction clean-up, ironing, polishing, organizing, window washing with free screen cleaning. 413-854-7417 <a href="mailto:bonbonz75@yahoo.com">bonbonz75@yahoo.com</a>

Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course 413-528-1262 www.catamountski.com

Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales William Pitt Sotheby's 413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920 anitaschilling@gmail.com

Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service 90 Creamery Road 413-528-3266 flobro@wildblue.net

Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel & Accessories
39 Main Street
413-528-2330
www.kenverltd.com

Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger 154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23

The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer Marketing Consulting and Copywriting That Get Results. 413-644-9700 helen@agencywithoutwalls.com

Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall PC repairs - Networking - Internet 413-528-5415 Matthew.wall@yahoo.com

Dellea.biz Computer Services - Arthur Dellea http://www.dellea.biz 413-528-1141

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts with nature. Eric F. Ives
Mass Problem Animal Control Agent
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and exclusionary work.
413-528-9813
413-250-5094

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont 413-528-0445 <a href="www.brooksidequiltworks.com">www.brooksidequiltworks.com</a> Maple Shade Enterprises: Quilts and Sewing, much more

Sue Delmolino Ives 413-644-0229 susandelmolino@yahoo.com

Berkshire Sewn - Mary Gifford berkshiresewn@gmail.com
413-528-3040

Gregory Cherin Photography South Egremont 1-917-991-0553 info@gregorycherin.com www.gregorycherin.com

Berkshire South Regional Community Center 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA 413-528-2810 <a href="www.berkshiresouth.org">www.berkshiresouth.org</a>
Non-profit community organization serving 17 towns throughout the Southern Berkshires. Providing a variety of educational, recreational and cultural programs for all ages - from early childhood to senior citizens - and partners with several local organizations.

Gogel & Gogel - Law Firm Business law & litigation 40 Main Street 413-528-2698 www.gogel-gogel.com

Chloe Wosczyna's travels: to view go to www.studleyofegremont.com

House To House Hauling & Recycling Trash hauling services and roll-off containers services.

Jana's new book, The Twelfth Stone is a pick for the Kids' Winter Indie Next list! Get it from your local independent bookseller and support the locals! and it's a finalist in ForeWord Reviews Book of the Year Award! Jana is the very first Writer-In Residence at Herman Melville's beloved Arrowhead.

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Old Man Thoughts By Stanley Farnum

Why have all the days and then the years
Fled so swiftly past?
The trust is that a dark angel
Has fired the bullet, "time", and
It reaches each of us fast-so fast.

Oh well, though I am old
And walk the paths I once ran,
Like most old timers though the outside has
changed,
Inside I am still the same man.

I thought to sit at last behind a darkened door And find my time for dreaming reach an end As one by one the days had passed and then the years

And not much time not to spend.

But in the evening when the shadows came
A step I heard upon the stair
And a tiny figure stood before me
And a little hand softly touched my hair.
In my chair she nestled close beside me
And I felt a kiss so that I knew
My time for dreams had not ended
When she said "grandpa I love you"
What wonder to have a new life gently tough the

To look into softly smiling eyes, The little hand to hold.

For love still walks beside me
Its warmth holds back the cold,
A little girl will always love you
For she never thinks that you are old.

By the way there's this lovely young lady Who has become my very best friend. Sometimes she even gives me a kiss on the cheek

Or a hug that delights me no end.

Damned if I don't wish at times like that

To be a handsome young rascal again.

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